THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IRBAHIM) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, an Asian Summit on Child Raights and Media was held in Manila from 2nd to 5th July,1996. The purpose of the Summit was to discuss issues relating to media in Asia with respect to child rights and portrayal and depiction of children.

(c) The Summit adopted a Declaration, a copy of which is annexed as statement.

STATEMENT

Asian Declaration on child rights and the media (Manila, July 2-5,1996)

We, Ministers of Information, Education, Welfare and Social Development from ... countries of Asia, Senior Officials representing the various Governments executives, researchers, practitioners and professionals from various streams of media, non-Government organisations, advocacy groups and concerned individuals gathered in Manila for the Asian Summit on Child Rights and the Media

re-affirming our commitment to ensure implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as ratified in our countries.

acknowledging the developmental role, responsibility and power of all forms of media to inform, entertain, educate and influence; and,

recognising their potential for children and for social change

Now, therefore, resolve that all media for or about children should protect and respect the diverse cultural heritage of Aisan societies.

be accessible to *all* children.

provide for the girl child and counter the widespread discrimination against the girl child, and.

provide for children with special needs, children in especially difficult circumstances, children of indigenous communities and children in situations of armed conflict

Resolve also, that all media about children should

adopt policies that are consistent with the principles of non-discrimination and the best interests of all children

raise awareness and mobilise all sectors of society to ensure the survival, development, protection and participation of all children;

address all forms of economic, commercial and sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the region and ensure that such efforts do not violate their rights, particularly their right to privacy;

protect children from material which glorifies violence, sex, horror and conflict, and

promote positive values and not perpetuate discrimination and stereotypes

Reslove further, that all media for children should;

be of high quality, made specifically for them, and do not exploit them;

support their physical, mental, social, moral and spiritual development;

enable children to hear, see and express themselves, their culture, their languages and their life experiences through media which affirm their sense of self and community, while promoting an awareness and appreciation of other cultures;

be wide-ranging in genre and content, but not include gratuitous scenes fo violence and sex, and

be accessible to them at times when they need and can use it.

Resolve finally, that governments, media, non-government organisations, the private sector and other local, regional and intenational agencies should.

provide media education for children and families to develop their critical understanding of all media forms;

provide opportunities for children in creating media and to express themselves on a wide range of issues relating to their needs and interests;

provide sufficient funds and resources to ensure access to and enable the production and dissemination of high quality materials for and about children as well as capacity building for media practitioners so that they could perform their role as developmental agencies.

promote regional and international cooperation through the sharing of research, expertise and exchange of materials and programmes, networking among governments, non-Governmental organisations, media organisations, educational institutions, advocacy groups and other agencies.

provide incentives for excellence through awards at regional and national levels;

provide coordinated monitoring mechanisms and encourage self-regulation at regional and national levels to ensure the implementation of this Declaration, and,

convene as early as possible broad national multi-sectoral consultations to develop action plans, including professional guidelines consistent with this Declaration

Adopted
5 July 1996
Asian Summit on Child Rights and the Media
Manila

[Translation]

STD in Uttar Pradesh

1007. DR. BALIRAM Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the places in Uttar Pradesh which are likely to be connected with STD during 1996-97;

(b) whether the Government propose to consider connecting Dkama Bazar of District Aamgarh, Uttar Pradesh with STD;

(c) if so, the target period thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 347 places in Uttar Pradesh, are proposed to be connected with STD during 1996-97, as per details in the statement enclosed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) STD at Dkama Bazar is proposed to be provided on reliable media during 1997-98.

(d) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Details of Places to be proposed to provide STD during 1996-97

S.No.	Name of Stations	District
1	2	3
1.	Chilla	Banda
2.	Chitrakoot	-do-
3.	Bharatkoop	-do-
4.	Baberu	-do-
5.	Badansa	-do-
6.	Bhauri	-do-
7.	Khurand	-do-
8.	Mau (Chbu)	-do-
9.	Makaund	-do-
10.	Sirauli Gospur	Barabanki
11.	Barathi	-do-
12.	Dariabad	-do-
13.	Safdarganj	-do-
14.	Sidhaur	-do-
15.	Satrikh	-do-
16.	Tikaitnagar	-do-
17.	Patranga	-do-
18.	Raanagar	-do-
19.	Harakh	-do-
20.	Khetasaria	-do-
21.	Koti	-do-
22.	Kotwasarak	-do-
23.	Kursi	-do-
24.	Belhara	-do-
25.	Suratganj	-do-
26.	Deviganj	-do-
27.	Sujaganj	-do-
28.	Suria Mau	Barabanki
29.	Mawai	-do-
30.	Ajitsal	Etawah
31.	Ekdil	-do-
32.	Udi	-do-
33.	Phaphund	-do-
34.	Baskhari	Faizabad
35.	Kusarganj	-do-
36.	Milkipur	-do-
37.	Gosainganj	-do-
38.	Madrasa	-do-
39.	Allapur	-do-
40.	Ramnagar	-do-
41.	Chaurabazar	-do-
42.	Sorapur	-do-
43.	Mayabazar	-do-
44.	Darshan Nagar	-do-
45.	Kamalganj	Farrukhabad
46.	Kampil	-do-
47.	Mohnabad	-do-
48.	Saraipayag	-do-
49.	Sikandar	-do-
50.	Jalalabad	-do-
51.	Gursahaiganj	-do-
52.	Thatia	-do-
53.	Tirwa	-do-
54.	Chhani	Hamirpur
55.	Kulpahar	-do-
56.	Charkhari	Mahoba
57.	Bewar (Umri)	Hamirpur
58.	Kabir	Mahoba
59.	Sandi	Hardoi
60.	Mailani	-do-
61.	Bilgram	-do-
62.	Madhoganj	-do-
63.	Rampura	-do-
64.	Madhogarh	-do-
65.	Kotra	-do-
66.	Singhai	Lakhimpur
67.	Tikonia	-do-
68.	Kabirbhan	-do-
69.	Sampurnanagar	-do-
70.	Vishnupuri	-do-
71.	Oel	-do-
72.	Mehangapur	-do-

1	2	3
73.	Pallia	Lakimpur
74.	Bewar	Mainpuri
75.	Ghiror	-do-
76.	Kurawali	-do-
77.	Makhanpur	-do-
78.	Banthara	Shahjahanpur
79.	Kanth	-do-
80.	Khutar	-do-
81.	Khairabad	Sitapur
82.	Hargaon	-do-
83.	Baragaon	-do-
84.	Maholi	-do-
85.	Bara	Allahabad
86.	Karari	-do-
87.	Maja	-do-
88.	Manjhanpur	-do-
89.	Saraiakil	-do-
90.	Sahson	-do-
91.	Michiaul	Maharajganj
92.	Sonauli	Gorakhpur
93.	Amhadeva	-do-
94.	Madaria	-do-
95.	Mahavirchapra	-do-
96.	Baruwasagar	Jhansi
97.	Mehrauni	Lalitpur
98.	Hati	Jhansi
99.	Garautha	-do-
100.	Amla	Mau
101.	Kopaganj	-do-
102.	Barhaj	Deoria
103.	Lar	-do-
104.	Taskuhi	Padrauna
105.	Amraudha	Kanpur
106.	Rajpur	-do-
107.	Rasoolabad	-do-
108.	Jhinjhak	-do-
109.	Bilhaur	-do-
110.	Uttari	-do-
111.	Shivrajpur	-do-
112.	Chaubapur	-do-
113.	Bangarmau	Unnao
114.	Bighapur	-do-
115.	Maurawan	-do-
116.	Miyanganj	-do-
117.	Sikandarpur	-do-
118.	Chakalvansi	Unnao
119.	Thana	-do-
120.	Dewa Road	Barabanki
121.	Itaunja	Lucknow
122.	Rahisabad	-do-
123.	Nighohan	-do-
124.	Banthara	-do-
125.	Hardoja	-do-
126.	Baburi	Varasani
127.	Mirzamurad	-do-
128.	Sawapuri	-do-
129.	Thatharia	-do-
130.	Naugarh	-do-
131.	Syedraza	-do-
132.	Cholapur	-do-
133.	Suriyawan	Bhadohi
134.	Phoolpur	Varanasi
135.	Chahania	-do-
136.	Jagatpur	-do-
137.	Nizamabad	Azamgarh
138.	Chiraiakot	-do-
139.	Ranikasarai	-do-
140.	J.P. Nagar	Ballia
141.	Mahson	Basti
142.	Barhni	Sidharthnagar
143.	Bhanpur	Basti
144.	Haraiya	-do-
145.	Soharatgarh	Sidharthnagar
146.	Kaptanganj	Basti
147.	Fakarpur	Bahraich
148.	Bhinga	-do-
149.	Ikona	-do-
150.	Zarwal Road	-do-
151.	Kaisarganj	-do-
152.	Mihinpurwa	-do-
153.	Rupaiadih	-do-
154.	Srawasti	-do-
155.	Mahsi	-do-
156.	Babaganj	-do-
157.	Chilwaria	-do-
158.	Payagpur	-do-
159.	Chitaura	-do-
160.	Kora Jahanabad	Fatehpur
161.	Dildarnagar	Ghazipur
162.	Tulsipur	Gonda

1	2	3
163.	Utraula	Gonda
164.	Khatasaria	Jaunpur
165.	Karakat	-do-
166.	Badlapur	-do-
167.	Mugrabadshahpur	-do-
168.	Machhalishahar	-do-
169.	Mariahun	-do-
170.	Gaipura	Mirzapur
171.	Kachwa	-do-
172.	Lalganj	-do-
173.	Marihan	-do-
174.	Aharaura	-do-
175.	Chopan	-do-
176.	Dalla	-do-
177.	Duddhi	-do-
178.	Kunda	Pratapgarh
179.	Raniganj Kaith	-do-
180.	Bachhrawan	Raebareli
181	Jais	-do-
182	Tiloi	-do-
183.	Chanda	Sultanpur
184	Katrakhanpur	-do-
185.	Sitapur	-do-
186.	Fatehabad	Agra
187.	Samasabad	-do-
188.	Jaitpurakalan	-do-
189.	Bah	-do-
190.	Malpura	-do-
191.	Sikandra	-do-
192.	Barhan	-do-
193.	Sikamdra Rao	Aligarh
194.	Iglas	-do-
195.	Harduaganj	-do-
196.	Khair	-do-
197.	Kasimpur	-do-
198.	Atrauli	-do-
199.	Sisauli	-do-
200.	Kausani	Almora
201.	Kalimata	-do-
202.	Bageshwar	-do-
203.	Birbanj	-do-
204.	Purla	-do-
205.	Tania	-do-
206.	Jayante	-do-
207.	Lolake	-do-
208.	Gangoli	Almora
209.	Ganai	-do-
210.	Barala	-do-
211.	Dharongarh	-do-
212.	Munsiyari	-do-
213.	Didihat	-do-
214.	Iffco	Bareilly
215.	Meerganj	-do-
216.	Ritauri	-do-
218.	Bhojpura	-do-
219.	Santhal	-do-
220.	Deorama	-do-
221.	Shergarh	-do-
222.	Sirauli	-do-
223.	Seeshgarh	-do-
224	Bhuta	-do-
225.	Bilaspur	-do-
226.	Chandpur	Bijnore
227.	Kiratpur	-do-
228.	Seohara	-do-
229.	Behtaur	-do-
230.	Sherkot	-do-
231	Nurpur	-do-
232.	Baldau	-do-
233.	Afzalgarh	-do-
234	Mandava	-do-
235.	Raja Ka Tajpur	-do-
236.	Koti	Dehradun
237.	Naugaon	-do-
238.	Laltappar	-do-
239.	Sahaya	-do-
230	Vedpura	Ghaziabad
241.	Kasna	-do-
242	Pahasu	-do-
243.	Chirauli	-do-
244	Cholas	-do-
245.	Bahadurgarh	-do-
246.	Rawli	-do-
247.	Mandishyam	-do-
248.	Sikarpur	-do-
249.	Jahangirpur	-do-
250.	Chattari	-do-
251.	B.B. Nagar	-do-
252.	Aliganj	Mathura
253.	Bajana	-do-

1	2	3
254.	Baldev	Mathura
255.	Sonkh	-do-
256.	Barsana	-do-
257.	Ganjdudwara	-do-
258.	Oel	-do-
259.	Farah	-do-
260.	Muggara	-do-
261.	Marchara	-do-
262.	Sahawar	-do-
263.	Sakeet	-do-
264.	Sidhpura	-do-
265.	Nidhaulikalan	-do-
266.	Patiali	-do-
267.	Raja Ka Ram Pur	-do-
268.	Achalpur	-do-
269.	Rohata	Meerut
270.	Lawed	-do-
271.	Sarurpur	-do-
272.	Dah	-do-
273.	Chhaprauli	-do-
274.	Dhikoli	-do-
275.	Ratauli	-do-
276.	Incholijani	-do-
277.	Gajraula	Moradabad
278.	Sambhal	-do-
279.	Thakurdwara	-do-
280.	Bilari	-do-
281.	Kanth	-do-
282.	Agwanpur	-do-
283.	Phakwara	-do-
284.	Naugaonfadat	-do-
285.	Ganpatpur	-do-
286.	Bhojpur	-do-
287.	Majhola	-do-
288.	Digapur	-do-
289.	Badhara	Muzaffarnagar
290.	Thinjhana	-do-
291.	Charthawal	-do-
292.	Babri	-do-
293.	Sisauli	-do-
294.	Rohana	-do-
295.	Unn	-do-
296.	Lisad	-do-
297.	Ramraj	-do-
298.	Bhopa	Muzaffarnagar
299.	Basera	Muzaffarnagar
300.	K.Katoli	Nainital
301.	Lalkuan	-do-
302.	Dhari	-do-
303.	Bhamtal	-do-
304.	Bhawali	-do-
305.	Perimadara	-do-
306.	Kukteshwar	-do-
307.	Garhinegi	-do-
308.	Kundeshweri	-do-
309.	Partappur	-do-
310.	Banbasa	-do-
311.	Puranpur	Rampur
312.	Bisalpur	-do-
313.	Majhola	-do-
314.	Bilsi	-do-
315.	Tanda	-do-
316.	Kewali	-do-
317.	Nabab Nagar	-do-
318.	Bosena	-do-
319	Gawan	-do-
320	Akharabad	-do-
321.	Bilsanda	-do-
322	Wazirganj	-do-
323.	Ranipur	Saharanpur
324.	Chilkana	-do-
325.	Nanauta	-do-
326	Nakur	-do-
327	Gangosh	-do-
328	Kaheswari	-do-
329	Nagal	-do-
330	Bhagwanpur	-do-
331	Gagalheri	-do-
332	Iqbalpur	-do-
333	Bhagirathipuram	Shrinagar (Garhwal)
334	Surkandadevi	-do-
335	Satpuli	-do-
336	Rudraprayag	-do-
337	Dugadda	-do-
338	Pokhal	-do-
339.	Jakhmdhar	-do-
340	Anjansain	-do-
341.	Nandprayag	-do-
342	Maugounkhal	-do-
343.	Gaurikund	-do-

1	2	3
344.	Kedarnath	Shrinagar (Garhwal)
345.	Gangotri	-do-
346.	Ranichatti	-do-
347.	Yamnotri	-do-

[English]

Food Corporation of India

1008. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has sought the Government's permission to enter in the global market for the export of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). The Government had authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purpose of export the following quantities of foodgrains :-

(In lakh tonnes)

	1995-96
Fine and superfine rice	30
Non-durum wheat	25

Against the aforessaid authorisation FCI did not export wheat or rice directly during 1995-96 but had sold about 16 lakh tonnes of fine and superfine rice and 0.84 lakh tonnes of non-durum wheat for export during 1995-96.

In February, 1996 FCI had requested Government to take a decision on FCI exporting rice after upgrading the existing stocks to bring to the exportable quality instead of inviting applications with earnest money deposits for one million tonnes of rice. Direct export of rice by FCI did not materialise as a very little time was left for the close of the financial year 1995-96.

National Social Assistance Programme

1009. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to review the National Social Assistance programme to make it more effective for the upliftment of weeker sections;

(b) if so, whether an Expert Committee was set up for this purpose during the last year;

(c) if so, the salient features of the report submitted by the Committee; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this reagard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Expert Committee has been constituted for this purpose. However, the review is proposed to be taken up through a Concurrent Evaluation Study on the NSAP, involving Government Agencies and Independent Institutions.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As a preparatory exercise for taking-up the main Concurrent Evaluation Study, the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment has taken up a Quick Evaluation of the States' Social Security Schemes in the selected Districts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

[Translation]

Population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

1010. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total population of the country as per 1991 census and the population and percentage of Scheduled Castes and scheduled tribes out of it; and

(b) the steps taken to implement the reservation policy in political, social and educational fields as well as Government services in proportion to the present population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under the provisions of the Constitution and Orders?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Total population of India (excluding J&K) is 83,85,83,988. Population of Scheduled Castes is 13,82,23,277 (16.48%).

Population of Scheduled Tribes is 6,77,58,380 (8.08%).

(b) Reservation policy for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is being implemented in Political, Social and Educational Fields, for ensuring their adequate representation according to various provisions of the Constitution and Orders of the Government. As regards providing reservation to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population, no proposal is under consideration of the Government in the light of the Supreme Court Judgement that the overall reservation in any particular year should not exceed 50% of vacancies. Current reservation of the SCs, STs and Other Backward Classes is 49.5%.